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SUBJECT: ARTICLE ON WITHDRAWAL OF IRANIAN TROOPS FROM
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1. FINANCIAL TIMES OF JANUARY 14 CARRIES ARTICLE BY ITS MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT ROBERT GRAHAM, DATELINED TEHRAN, REPORTING THAT ACCORDING TO ARAB DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, SHAH HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW "MOST OF HIS TROOPS" FROM OMAN, AND THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION WILL BEGIN BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH. ARTICLE STATES THERE ARE PRESENTLY 3'200 IRANIAN TROOPS IN OMAN. GRAHAM DOES NOT REPORT WHAT THE REMAINING FIGURE WILL BE, BUT STATES "UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE THAT ONLY A RESIDUAL FORCE WILL REMAIN, INCLUDING AIR DEFENSE UNITS".

2. GRAHAM EXPLAINS ORIGINAL MOTIVATION FOR SHAH'S DECISION TO SEND TROOPS TO OMAN, AND FACT THAT THEIR
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CONTINUED PRESENCE HAS BECOME EMBARRASSMENT FOR IRAN'S RELATIONS WITH SOME ARAB STATES. GRAHAM STATES IT IS BELIEVED "AT LEAST 1,000" IRANIAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN OMAN AND A FURTHER 3,000 WOUNDED.

3. COMMENT: FCO ESTIMATE IS THAT THERE ARE 2,700 IRANIAN TROOPS IN OMAN, AND THAT 2,000 WILL BE REMOVED,

LEAVING 700. FCO THINKS THE ESTIMATES OF IRANIAN
CASUALTIES IN GRAHAM'S ARTICLE ARE TOO HIGH.

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